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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. UNSC MEETS TODAY ON ISRAELI ACTION

THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL WILL MEET THIS AFTERNOON AT LEBANON'S REQUEST TO TAKE UP ISRAEL'S AUGUST 10 INTERCEPTION OF THE CIVIL FLIGHT FROM LEBANON TO IRAQ. OUR UN MISSION BELIEVES THE DRAFT LEBANESE RESOLUTION WILL LIKELY CONTAIN TWO ELEMENTS: CONDEMNATION OF THE ISRAELI ACT AND SOME KIND OF "MEASURES" (STRONG SANCTIONS OR PUNITIVE ACTIONS). USUN REQUESTS URGENT GUIDANCE ON HOW FAR WE CAN GO ON THE FORMER, AND SUGGESTS WE TELL LEBANESE UN AMBASSADOR GHORRA RIGHT AWAY THAT WE WILL VOTE AGAINST ANY UNREALISTIC PUNITIVE MEASURES. (LIMITED CONFIDENTIAL

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2. UPI ALLEGES US WAS ASKED TO REMOVE LON NOL

AN AUGUST 12 UPI STORY FROM PHNOM PENH BY SYLVANA FOA SAYS HIGH-RANKING GKR OFFICIALS RECENTLY ASKED THE US TO ARRANGE FOR LON NOL'S REMOVAL AND THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF PRINCE SIHANOUK. IN A SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

WITH UPI, DR. KISSINGER SAID THE REPORTS "DO NOT SEEM TO BE TRUE" AND THAT HE IS "NOT FAMILIAR WITH ANYTHING LIKE THAT." EMBASSY PHNOM PENH COMMENTS THAT THE REPORT IS TO ITS KNOWLEDGE TOTALLY UNFOUNDED AND A COMPLETE FABRICATION. UPI 205A & 255A, 8/12 AND (CONFIDENTIAL) PHNOM PENH 8358, 8/12.

3. LARG TAKES 51 OF OXY-LIBYA FOR \$135 MILLION IN CASH

AN OCCIDENTIAL PETROLEUM CORP. SOURCE TOLD EMBASSY TRIPOLI THAT LARG'S FORCED 51 NATIONALIZATION WAS NO PROBLEM SINCE OXY WAS PAID CASH (LATER ANNOUNCED TO BE \$135 MILLION). COMPENSATION WAS FOR NET ASSET VALUE (UNDEFINED), AND OTHER TERMS INCLUDE OXY'S RIGHT TO BUY LARG'S SHARE OF THE HIGH-QUALITY LOW SULFUR CRUDE AT \$4.90 PER BARREL FOR SIX MONTHS. OXY WAS TOLD IT WILL FACE A "SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT" FOR RETROACTIVITY OF THE NATIONALIZATION TO JANUARY 1, 1973. THE EMBASSY NOTES INDUSTRY SPECULATION THAT OXY WAS INTERESTED IN CASH FOR ITS PROSPECTIVE USSR OPERATIONS, AND REITERATES SUSPICION THAT THE LARG WILL SOON MOVE AGAINST OTHER AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES OPERATING IN LIBYA. (CONFIDENTIAL) TRIPOLI 1030 & 1033, 8/11 AND AP 34, 8/12. ROGERS

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